

you need to be more healthy, you need to take care of your diet, you need to look at what you do. Why is that? You know you can't say on one hand that it is very, very important, but it is only important to a certain extent. That is basically what we're talking about when we talk about the licensure versus certification. There are three ways that you deal with health. It doesn't matter if it's a dietitian, a nutritionist, whether it is an MD, anybody, you've got surgery or some type of operation when you've got a problem you can go that route, you have medication to help correct a health problem, and you've got diet, you control somebody's diet. There are basically three ways in which you can change or correct problems that an individual might be having. So to say that nutrition and diet is not important, it is very important. To say an individual ought to have the right to choose what they want to do is also very important. Senator Wesely is absolutely correct on that point. But what I need to clarify for you is that we don't take anybody's rights away in LB 557 through this amendment, we don't restrict anybody's ability to choose what they might want to do with regard to their diet. All we say is that there is a class of people out there called licensed dietitians who aren't basically nutritionists and who have the power and the right to call themselves that. That you don't have Sassafra's Herbert out there who is a nutrition and dietary consultant, he's a professional member, and he eats Kal Kan, I mean that is what we're dealing with right now.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR HALL: I'm not saying the vast majority of people are like that, they are not, they do a good job, they explain to people what their products can and cannot do, and they don't try to give advice with regard to what something may or may not correct with regard to a health problem that they might have. That is not what they are trying to do. But what we are saying here is that there is a certain group of people that have the proper education, they've been recognized, they've been recognized by professionals in the field who say that there are problems out there with the health and welfare and safety of individuals, and that we need to look at that. What I am proposing is this amendment be adopted, we pass the bill over to Select File, we offer amendments that anyone might have with regard to exclusions, other than the ones that I put in this bill. I promise to sit down with both sides, Senator Wesely included, and discuss the issue of licensure versus